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1. Every Polish ship, with the exception of the trawler, is reported to contain a munitions chamber to which access is forbidden everyone but first officers and a few trustworthy members of the crew. The SS WALTER and other special ships have two such compartments. The munitions are loaded at Gdynia and are destined for Albania, Bulgaria, and sometimes Rumania.
2. These ships load pipes and other merchandise at western ports, and on the high seas the munitions are placed inside the pipes. The cargoes are discharged in this state at the ports of destination in order to avoid detection of the munitions by foreign intelligence agents.
3. Armaments were unloaded in the same way during the civil war in Greece and the fighting in Palestine. Several Polish ships were reported to have been damaged by Arab fire in Palestine.

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